

Head of School

Friday 15th December 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

I cannot believe it has been the final full week of term and my final letter of 2023!

Firstly, thank you to all students and parents for their generosity for the Christmas Hamper appeal. All hampers will be delivered next week to The Minstrels Care Home in Wrangle. I know all of the residents will be delighted to receive the hampers – please keep an eye out on for photos of this event.

Continuing with the Christmas theme we have had our final Christmas Dinner this week. Again, an overwhelming success with an absolute sell-out! It was great to see all of the students enjoying their dinner together with their peers.

Thank you to all of the Year 11 students for their conscientious approach to their Pre-Public Examinations throughout these last few weeks. There has been endless independent revision undertaken, additional intervention classes attended and a high usage of GCSEpod throughout this period. Students have been well supported and their conduct has been excellent, PPE's continue next week with Art, Speaking and Listening for English and French Speaking. We have designed the PPE's to take place before the Christmas holiday period so students can then enjoy their break with their families and friends and not worrying about upcoming examinations. The results for these will be in January 2024.

Our after-school sports clubs have extremely high attendance and this week the spotlight shone on the Year 7 and Year 8 netball club. This week during their training session they had a fantastic Christmas theme with Christmas themed activities and Christmas Jumpers galore! Mrs Cooper, Miss Ward and Miss Hasley would like to thank all Netball players in all year groups for all their efforts and hard work so far this season and we look forward to lots more matches being played in 2024.



Our Super Prize Draws were held in assemblies this week, students are selected by a calculation of high attendance and reporting data (AOL). It was fantastic to see so many students entered into the prize draw which was drawn in Year 7 assembly this week. There was a brilliant atmosphere in the hall whilst the winners were drawn. Congratulations to the following:

- **1st prize:** RJ Wright
- **2nd prize:** Carson Small
- **3rd place:** Reinaldas Pancarev, Jasmina Kukla and Amelia Lukasiak



Also, in assemblies this week we have been reminding students how to remain safe over the Christmas period. This has included highlighting our worried@gilesacademy.co.uk, the school email address where students can contact a member of the safeguarding team if they have a safety concern. During the weekends and holiday period staff will endeavour to respond when they are available to. In addition to this, we have added a list of contact numbers to our website where students can access further specialist support and guidance, including the emergency services.

Finally, just a polite reminder that we break up at 3.15pm on Wednesday 20th December 2023. Please remember all year groups return to school on Wednesday 3rd January 2024.

Thank you for all of your continued support this year, we have had an incredible year at Giles Academy.

Merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous and healthy New Year.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katie Belcher'.

Miss Katie Belcher

Head of School, Giles Academy

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